

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A filter underdrain system and a method for  
measuring the water flow through the underdrain filter  
system. The apparatus includes panel members assembled to  
10 form a perforate grid on the filter base structure of an  
underdrain block. The panels are generally rectangular and  
have an upper and lower surface. Multiple apertures are  
provided in the panel member. The number and/or size of the  
apertures are dimensioned to prevent the egress of filter  
media and to obtain substantially uniform backwash flow in  
the underdrain thereby reducing or eliminating water  
maldistribution.

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